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CLAIMS

1/ A container for pills and the like, and having a closure which may be released by a compressive force applied between two opposed locations on the exterior, and which, after release, may be opened by application of pressure acting at right angles to the compressive force, the pressure causing the closure to rotate about an axis parallel to the direction of the compressive force, so to open an aperture leading to the interior of the container.

2/ A container for pills and the like, and comprising a shell, a closure for that shell, a pivotal mounting in the shell for the closure so that the closure is arranged for rotation on an axis to rock between a closed position in which the closure seals the shell, and an open position in which the closure can dispense a pill or the like from the interior of the shell through an aperture, in which there is a detent arranged to secure the closure in its closed position, and a point on the surface of the shell to which pressure can be applied to release the detent and so allow the closure to be rocked from its closed position to its open position.

3/ A container as claimed in claim 2 in which there are two opposed detents to secure the closure in its closed position, and two opposed points on the surface of the shell to which pressure can be applied to release the detents and so allow the closure to be rocked from its closed position to its open position.

4/ A container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims in which pressure to release the closure member is applied directly.

5/ A container as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3, in which pressure to release the closure is applied through a suitably flexible point or points on an external part or parts of the container or container shell.

6/ A container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the aperture is on the opposite side of the axis to the position of application of pressure.

7/ A container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which the container has an associated small sealable space for safe retention of a pill or a portion of a pill.

8/ A container as claimed in claim 7, in which the small sealable space is located in the closure.

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9/ A container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which there is an additional button on the back of the closure member to increase child resistance

10/ A container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, in which a sleeve or channel is used both to hold the container together and to carry notices or directions relating to pills to be stored in the container.

11/ A method of forming a container as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, and comprising the steps of arranging two half portions of the container in proximity with each other, with the closure trapped between parts adapted to allow rocking movement of the closure, and then locking the two half portions together with a sleeve or channel.

12/ A method as claimed in claim 11, in which the two half portions are connected together along a flexible hinge line, so that they can be arranged in proximity with each other by folding them together about the hinge line.

13/ A method as claimed in claim 11, in which the two half portions are brought into proximity with each other as separate entities.

14/ A container substantially as hereinbefore described by way of example with reference to and as shown in Figures 1 to 7, or Figures 8 and 9, or Figures 10 and 11, and Figures 12 and 13 of the accompanying drawings.

15/ A method of forming a container as claimed in claims 1 to 9 and 14, and substantially as hereinbefore described by way of example with reference to Figures 14 to 16 or Figures 17 to 19 of the accompanying drawings.

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